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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Joseph B. SAINTON et al.

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For : APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR
NETWORKING OMNI-MODAL RADIO
DEVICES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following is presented in response to the Office Action originally mailed July 17, 2001, and re-mailed August 6, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned reissue application. Pursuant to MPEP 1442, as well as MPEP 708 and 37 C.F.R. 1.102(a), it is requested the Examiner treat this application as "special" and take up for immediate action this application in advance of any other application, including "special" applications, except for reissues involved in "litigation", and treat and respond to all issues immediately.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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44. A wireless communication system organized to promote user driven competition among a plurality of commercially independent wireless service providers, comprising
- a. a plurality of independent wireless service networks operated by the wireless service providers to provide wireless services within a common geographic region
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